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Iglesia Hispana de Bradford held a Christmas dinner that saw children enact the Nativity in Bradford on Dec. 17. For more information on the church, see iglesiasihispanadebradford.com.

Feliz Navidad

STAFF

When the Iglesia Hispana de Bradford – the Spanish Church of Bradford – first opened its doors at Green Valley Alliance Church, it attracted about 15 people, who came together to worship in the Spanish language.

Now, the church regularly attracts 75 to 80 people to its weekly worship, building community and bringing together residents who may have left behind family, friends and their homeland.

On Dec. 17, Iglesia Hispana de Bradford hosted a Christmas dinner at the church, with entertainment, food and a special presentation by “El ninos,” the children, of the Christmas story.

Pastor Juan Carlos Espino spoke a blessing, asking the families to “thank God. He’s the reason for this celebration” – and thanking all who attended “for this moment we can share together.”

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Portuguese Roots



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Raizes Portuguesas – Portuguese Roots – is a new children's folklore dance group in Bradford that has been together for about a year. The members range in age from three to 16. Not just traditional dance, says instructor and founder Luisa Coquim, "we do a little bit of everything, including drama." On Dec. 18, Raizes Portuguesas brought its brilliant costumes, lively music and delightful dancing to Bradford Valley Care Community, providing entertainment for the residents.

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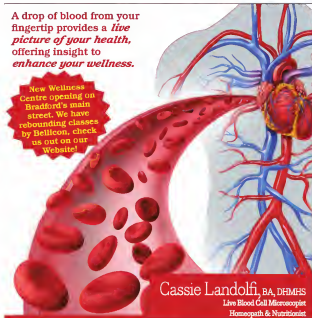
It's official: The Southeast Arterial Road (SEAR), which extends from Holland Street

East to Simcoe Road through a portion of the Holland Marsh, will be named Marshview Boulevard.

Council considered both Marshview and Letitia Boulevard as possible names, the latter named for early-

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Medical marijuana plant on track

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The transformation of the old Faurecia plant on Reacons Industrial Parkway is well underway. The 190,000-square-foot facility, which sat vacant after Faurecia closed its Canadian operations, was purchased by MedReleaf, a medical cannabis company.

MedReleaf has been undertaking \$78 million in renovations to the interior, retrofitting plumbing, electrical and HVAC systems and installing irrigation and environmental control systems to transform the building into a "world-class medical marijuana growing facility and research lab" according to a report to Bradford West Gwillimbury council.

On Dec. 20, council approved a total of \$80,646.29 in Community Improvement Plan Area Incentives for MedReleaf – offsetting \$40,646.29 in development fees and building permits and \$50,000 for building restoration, renovation and improvement, the maximum grant allowable.

"It's exciting to see an application of this size come in," said Deputy Mayor James Leduc, noting once fully operational, MedReleaf will provide employment for 250 full-time and 100 part-time staff. "It's going to be a very impressive building, a very impressive employer in our community." Manager of economic development Michael Dismano noted the company is awaiting final inspection by Health Canada

and expects to have occupancy by April 2017. "They're on track with hitting their target."

Coun. Peter Ferragrine supported the CIP Area Incentives, describing them as "very, very small, compared to what they're bringing" – the \$78 million in renovations and upgrades, the jobs and an estimated \$70,000 per year in tax revenue.

Coun. Peter Dykic Jr. raised issues and "concerns" about odour and security at the new plant.

Leduc noted the facility and its environmental controls are "state-of-the-art," assuring Dykic, "There's a lot of security involved. There's no jeopardy to the community at all."

The CIP grants were approved unanimously.

Bradford's Marshview Boulevard

19th-century settler and land speculator Letitia Magee.

"I think Marshview Boulevard makes sense," said Deputy Mayor James Leduc, in the Dec. 20 meeting of council. "It is a beautiful view," suggesting that Letitia should be used "somewhere else in the community."

"I really enjoyed learning the history of Letitia Magee," said Coun. Ron Orr, but he also preferred Marshview. "It is honouring the marsh."

"There should be a street

named after Letitia, but in this case, Marshview is just perfect," agreed Coun. Peter Ferragrine.

Coun. Gary Lamb said he had received "more comments about the naming of the SEAR. Noting that Letitia Magee is buried in the Auld Kirk Cemetery, he asked that the town name a major street after her, "not back streets in a subdivision." She was quite a landowner, and quite a lady."

"This has brought a lot of discussion to our town," said Mayor Rob Keffler. "The

history that Letitia Magee represents is so little known. It's amazing that a woman was so instrumental in selling lots." He suggested that the historical name "is something she should be proud of" and "wanted that a name like Marshview 'doesn't necessarily portray how things will look in the future' – but acknowledged the protected agricultural land of the Holland Marsh is different.

Council approved Marshview Boulevard, passing the naming by-law later in the evening.

Survey supports the Bradford link

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury retained the agency First Contact to conduct a survey of BWG residents regarding the proposed Highway 400-404 connecting link.

The survey, conducted

by telephone, found 72% of respondents were familiar or very familiar with the proposed link, and 76% felt the new 400-series highway would reduce smog, congestion and increase traffic safety.

The numbers were even

higher when asked if they would favour construction of the link. Eighty-five per cent said they were strongly in favour, or in favour, of building a 16.2-km, controlled-access highway between the 400 in BWG, and Highway 404 in East Gwillimbury.

Six hundred residents were surveyed, evenly split between male and female. Eighty-eight per cent were homeowners.

"These results are not surprising in the least," said Mayor Rob Keffler. "The residents and government of BWG have long seen the need for a solution to help alleviate traffic congestion caused by vehicles using Holland Street as a way to move between Simcoe County and York Region."

The goal of the survey, said the mayor, "was to provide us with numbers to back up our beliefs as we continue to lobby the provincial government to make construction of the Highway 400-404 connecting link a priority."

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St. John's Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve: Saturday December 24 at 7pm
Christmas Day: Sunday December 25 at 11am
New Years Day: Sunday January 1 at 11am

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Luke 2:1-20 New International Version (NIV)

The Story of the Birth of Jesus

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified, but the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.
When the angels had left them and gone into heaven,
the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened,
which the Lord has told us about.'"

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.



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Sat Dec 24th - 6pm
Candle light service - combined

Dec 25th - Green Valley Alliance
Christmas Day Service -10am
Spanish Service - 1pm
Iglesia Hispana De Bradford

Jan 1, 2017 - Green Valley Alliance
New Years Day Service 10am
with Continental Breakfast

Spanish Service - 1pm
Iglesia Hispana De Bradford

Jan 7 2017
Mens Breakfast 8:30am

For God so Loved the World that
He gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him
shall not perish but have eternal
life - John 3:16

Navidad es el tiempo de estar juntos, en familia con los que amas. Algunas personas aún recorren largas distancias para reunirse con sus amados. En Santiago 1:17 dice que todo lo bueno y deseos vienen de Dios y en Filipenses 2:13 es Dios quien produce el querer como el hacer.

Todos los buenos deseos que experimentamos vienen de Dios, Él fue el iniciador del dar.

En Juan 3:16 la biblia nos dice que Él nos amó tanto que dio el regalo perfecto, El mismo, porque Él quería estar cerca de nosotros. 1 Juan 4:19 Nosotros le amamos porque él nos amó primero.

En Filipenses 2:5 dice que este sentir que hubo en Cristo Jesús esté en nosotros ¿qué sentimiento? el de dar de amor, de perdonar, y de ser misericordioso. La raíz del sentimiento de la navidad viene de ese Dios amoroso misericordioso y dador que nos dio el regalo perfecto. El mismo sin arrogancia ni pretensiones él no con humildad para alcanzarnos y compartir su amor.

¿Aceptarías este regalo? quieres compartir el amor de Dios? ¿Necesitas el cuidado y amor de alguien que dice que tú eres importante y que te ama, no importa quién eres, lo que hayas hecho o como te sientas? Él quiere darte su amor hoy. Habla con Él, cierra tus ojos y dile cómo te sientes. Recibe este regalo de amor y perdón.
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Opinion

Point of View

Share your Canada

A community is more than homes and streets, more than schools, businesses, parks and trails.

A community is built of memories and traditions, shared experiences and celebrations - its fabric made up of interactions, woven together through time.

That's why the Bradford Times is inviting residents of Bradford West Gwillimbury, new and old, to share their memories, traditions and important moments for Canada's 150th celebration.

In 2017, Canada turns 150, and all during the coming year, the Times would like to collect and share your stories. If you grew up here, what are some of the seminal moments that shaped your life, or that stand out crystal clear in memory, and helped define who you are or who you have become? What was

Bradford like back then? Who were the people and what were the places that defined the community for you? Or if you grew up elsewhere, what are the memories that continue to draw you home?

If you are a newcomer to Canada, we'd like you to share your first impressions. What was the best thing about coming to Canada? What was the hardest? What made you feel welcome? What was the biggest stumbling block?

We are asking our readers to share their stories and memories, and help build a picture of Canada and the community.

Your memories, stories and traditions can be sent in to the Bradford Times, 74 John St. W., P.O. Box 1570, Bradford, ON, L3Z 2B8, or dropped off to the office of the Times at 74 John St. W. - or emailed to rmking@postmedia.com, subject: My Canada.

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IODE gifts of the season



MIRIAM KING, BRADFORD TIMES

The tradition continues. Each year, the West Gwillimbury Chapter of the IODE, a women's service club, brings small gifts for the residents of Bradford Valley Care Community, a long-term-care facility on the 6th Line of Bradford West Gwillimbury. The personal gifts help brighten the Christmas for residents - seniors who may be alone at this festive time of year. West Gwillimbury chapter IODE members, from left, Gertrud Enderberger, Rosemary Stinson, Chris Bateman and Pat Winnacott (all standing) are pictured presenting gifts to Bradford Valley Care Community residents' council president Brenda Laur on Dec. 15.

Letters to the Editor

THANKS TO COMMUNITY PARTNERS

To the editor: Christmas is a time for sharing and goodwill. The South Simcoe Streams Network would like to thank all who have participated this past year to help our local waterways, either through plantings or other habitat enhancements.

The generosity of volunteers and partner connections are key. Support comes from multiple sources, including municipal, business, school, service and youth clubs, as well as individuals. Community participation enables the streams committee to reach mutual goals of local ecological and watershed health. Our program generates learning opportunities, environmental appreciation and funding for stream restoration projects.

Over 800 volunteers and 60 partners supported us in 2016. That translates into more than 2,400 hours of community time invested in stream improvements. We invite you to get involved in next year's activities. Thank you for your support.

SOUTH SIMCOE STREAMS NETWORK,
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SALUTE TO VOLUNTEERS

To the editor: International Volunteer Day 2016, Dec. 5, celebrated the contributions of volunteers and their commitment to peace and sustainable development. This year's theme was #GlobalApplause - Give Volunteers a Hand.

One of the ways in which we can build a smarter, more caring nation is to renew and cultivate our desire to help one another. Without expectation of recognition, thousands of Canadians have already distinguished themselves by their generosity, altruism and dedication to others.

Such selflessness is so important, not only to ensure the well-being of our communities, but also to inspire new generations across our country to give of themselves.

Let us extend our warmest thanks to all those who believe in the importance of the common good, and have acted on that belief.

DAVID JOHNSTON,
GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA

New Year's at the legion

On New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, the Down East Girls host a New Year's Eve party with a roast beef dinner at 6:30 p.m., entertainment by The Cruisers and a great celebration of the new year

at the Bradford legion, 115 Back St. \$50 per person, or \$80 per couple. For tickets, call Alice at 905-775-6245 or Dianne at 705-424-9378.

New Year's Eve. On Jan. 1, the president and

executive of the Bradford Legion Branch 521 extend new year's greetings to the community. Drop by the legion for light refreshments starting at 1 p.m. at the annual President's Levee.

Friday Night Karaoke on Jan. 6 features Jay's Karaoke Party at 8 p.m. No cover. All welcome.

For more information on events, programs and membership in the legion or

the Ladies Auxiliary, or hall rentals, call Branch 521 at 905-775-5025.

The legion is here for Canada's vets. There is support available for veterans and their spouses,

whether at home or in a nursing home or care facility. You don't have to be a legion member to ask for assistance. Contact veteran services officer Ron Harmer at 705-775-4919.

Happy Sixties celebrates the season

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

For nearly 50 years, the Happy Sixties Club has offered seniors the opportunity to socialize, enjoy outings and play cards.

The club meets in the old St. Mary's building on Frederick Street in Bradford and, says president Bill Fitzgerald, "this is a viable option, especially for seniors in the downtown core - old Bradford."

In fact, after years of dwindling membership, the Happy Sixties Club has been experiencing a bit of a re-

naissance. "We're growing," said Fitzgerald. "We're up to about 50."

The club meets every Wednesday for "cards, tea and talk" and Thursday evenings for cards.

"Not everyone can get to the Danube Seniors Centre," Fitzgerald said, explaining the growing interest in the club. Eight or nine of the members, now in their late 80s or 90s, have mobility issues and appreciate a meeting place close to home.

There are hopes the growing membership will not only help the club survive, but allow the

programs to expand. Fitzgerald would like to negotiate the use of more space in the St. Mary's building to offer additional activities, but he realizes that will depend on the landlord: the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

The Happy Sixties Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2018. "We'd like to see the club go on," said Fitzgerald.

On Dec. 15, the club held a catered Christmas dinner for the members and special guests Mayor Rob Keffer and wife Jean.



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

From left, Happy Sixties treasurer Fraser Craig, president Bill Fitzgerald, vice-presidents Ann Lavhey and Allan Barnes, and Pauline Young (membership) with Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffer at the club's Christmas dinner on Dec. 15.

Coats for Kids thank you

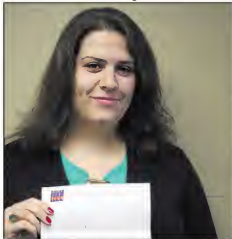
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Congratulations to the 109 students at St. Charles Catholic School in Green Valley, who in two weeks collected and sorted bags and bags of warm winter coats, snowsuits, boots, hats, mitts, gloves and scarves for Coats for Kids.

Coats for Kids is a grassroots campaign that invites residents to donate new or gently used children's winterwear, made available at no charge to families in need, at the Coats for Kids depot in St. Mary's A Hall on Frederick Street in Bradford.

Co-ordinator Catherine Snow was delighted to receive the donations - and a contribution of \$300 from the West Gwillimbury chapter of the IOOE. The IOOE has been supporting Coats for Kids for years, providing funds that are used to pay the incidental costs of operating the program, including bangers, cleaning and repairs.

Coats for Kids is open on



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Coats for Kids co-ordinator Catherine Snow is shown with a donation from the West Gwillimbury chapter of the IOOE.

Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m., but is now closed for the holidays and will reopen Jan. 12 and 26. Families can drop in and pick up winterwear

to ensure no child has to face a cold Canadian winter unprepared. In an emergency, email coats4kids@live.com.

News Briefs

Ham supper

Bradford United Church hosts a ham supper on Jan. 14 from 4:30 to 7 p.m., with continuous serving of ham

and scalloped potatoes, vegetables, salads, rolls, dessert, tea, coffee or juice. Cost is \$16 for adults, \$8 for children. Tickets are available

in advance by calling 905-775-7268, or at the door. Call in advance to arrange for take-out. The church is located at 66 Barrie St.

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this WEEK

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admin@townofbwg.com
www.townofbwg.com

Meetings & Announcements

Town Council

Members of the public are invited to attend all Council, Committee of the Whole and other Committee meetings. Meeting agendas and minutes are available at:

bradfordwestgwillimbury.civicweb.net

For further information or to request a deputations, please contact the Clerk's Division at 905-775-5366.

Regular Meeting of Council & Committee of the Whole

• Tue. Jan. 10 @ 7:00 p.m. – BWG Library
425 Holland St. W – Zima Room

PLEASE NOTE: The January Council meetings have been moved by one week to January 10 and 24, 2017.

Employment Opportunities

Closing January 13, 2017:

• Leisure Events & Marketing Assistant (11-month contract)

Summer students: Closing January 16, 2017:

- 2017-PM01 – Parks Maintenance Staff
- 2017-DC01 – Day Camp Counsellors
- 2017-IF01 – Inclusion Facilitators
- 2017-EA01 – Leisure Events & Marketing Assistant

Closing January 27, 2017:

- 2017-WW01 – Wastewater Co-op (8 months)
- 2017-EC06 – Engineering Co-op (4-8 months)
- 2016-WC01 – Water Division Co-op (8 months)
- 2016-ML01 – MLEO Co-op (4 months)
- 2016-SC01 – Building Co-op (4 months)
- 2016-EM01 – Emergency Management Co-op (4 months)

Please visit www.townofbwg.com/careers or call 905-775-5366 for more information.

Proclamations

- January – Crime Stoppers Month
(Flag raising Jan. 9 @ 1:00 p.m., 57 Holland St. E)

2016-2017 Holiday Closures

Town Administration Offices:

• noon on December 23 through January 2 – closed

BWG Transit:

- December 26 & 27 – no service
- January 2 – no service
- FREE evening transit will be available on New Year's Eve from December 31 at 5 p.m. until January 1 at 3 a.m. For stops and schedules please see townofbwg.com/WTtransit

BWG Leisure Centre:

- December 25 – closed
- December 26 – open 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- December 31 – open 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., then 6:00-9:00 p.m. for Family First Night
- January 1 – closed
- BWG Public Library:**
- December 24 – open 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- December 25 & 26 – closed
- December 31 – open 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- January 1 & 2 – closed

Competitive Bids

To view a complete list of Town of BWG tenders, quotations and proposals or to register as a bidder with the Town, visit: www.biddingo.com/townofbwg

Celebrate!



In 2017, Canada turns 150! The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is excited to celebrate and looking for community input.

The Town is accepting submissions from the community for project ideas to contribute to the celebrations.

The submission form can be found at: www.townofbwg.com/Canada150

Town of BWG 2017 dog licences now on sale!!

Town Admin Office:
100 Dissette St., #7&8

To order online or find more purchase locations, visit:

www.townofbwg.com/DogTags

Buy before January 31 and save \$5!

Events & Activities

Family First Night

SATURDAY DECEMBER 31
6:00-9:00PM
BWG LEISURE CENTRE

**FREE
FAMILY ACTIVITIES
& FIREWORKS**

For more information
visit www.bwgleisurecentre.ca
or contact events@townofbwg.com

Mayor's
New Year's Eve

Sunday, January 8, 2017
12:30-3:30pm
BWG Leisure Centre

Celebrate the New Year with the Mayor and Council and kick-off a year of celebrating Canada's 150th birthday!

Featuring:
Free Leisure Skating
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CELEBRATE SAFELY THIS NEW YEAR'S EVE!

FREE NEW YEAR'S EVE TRANSIT

BWG Transit will offer FREE evening service
from **December 31 at 5pm** until **January 1 at 3am**.
For details visit www.townofbwg.com/transit

BWG Transit



OVERNIGHT PARKING ALLOWED ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

Restrictions on winter overnight on-street
parking in BWG are lifted each year on
New Year's Eve to encourage
responsible celebration and
accommodate overnight guests.



IF you drink, please DON'T drive!

Overnight Winter Parking Restrictions in Effect

NEW DATES!



DEC. 1 - APR. 1
NOV. 1 - MAY 1
2 AM - 6 AM

On-street parking is prohibited from
December 1 to April 1 of every year
(except on New Year's Eve) between the hours
of **2:00-6:00 a.m. (3:00-6:00 a.m. downtown)**.

Vehicles may not park overhanging any
portion of the curb, road or sidewalk.

Violators may be ticketed or towed.

Town of BWG By-law 2014-51 as amended

Report by-law violations by calling: 905-775-5366 ext.1701.*
*NEW NUMBER



**Merry Christmas and
Happy Holidays to all
from the Town of
Bradford West Gwillimbury.**
**Mayor Keffer and Council
wish you the best in 2017!**

BWG Leisure Centre: **471 West Park Ave.** | Phone: **905-775-7529**

Notice of Public Meeting on a Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment

Pursuant to Section 34 of the
Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury will be holding a public meeting on **Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Zima Room of the BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland Street West, Bradford** to consider a proposed amendment to Zoning By-law 2010-050. Please note that there may be more than one public meeting and that the matter will be dealt with in the order that it appears on the agenda.

Owner: CP REIT Ontario Properties Limited
Location: 500 Holland Street West
File No.: D14-16-11
Related File No.: D11-16-01

The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to rezone the lands from Neighbourhood Commercial Exception "C2-6" to Neighbourhood Commercial Exception "C2-X", in order to permit the development of a retail commercial plaza with site specific standards, including 3 drive-through service facilities. A key map showing the location of the lands is attached.

Additional information regarding the proposal is available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Office of Community Planning located at 305 Barrie Street, Unit 2, Bradford.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public of the nature of the proposal, invite public input, and answer questions regarding the applications.

Any person may attend the public meeting to make written or verbal representation in support of or in opposition to the proposed zoning by-law amendment. Written submissions regarding the proposal can be made to Caroline Murphy, Planner, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Office of Community Planning, 305 Barrie Street, Unit 2, P.O. Box 419, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A9, facsimile 905-778-2070 or email at cmurphy@townofbwg.com.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury on the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to Caroline Murphy at the address shown above.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to Caroline Murphy, Office of Community Planning, telephone 905-778-2055, ext. 1402, facsimile 905-778-2070 or email at cmurphy@townofbwg.com.

Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury this 22nd day of December, 2016.

Rebecca Murphy, Clerk



Notice of Public Meeting on a Proposed Official Plan Amendment, Revisions to Draft Approved Plan of Subdivision S-06-04 and Zoning By-Law Amendment

Pursuant to Sections 17, 34 and 51 of the
Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury will be holding a public meeting on **Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Zima Room of the BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland Street West, Bradford** to consider a proposed draft plan of subdivision and amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law 2010-050, as amended. Please note that there may be more than one public meeting and that the matter will be dealt with in the order that it appears on the agenda.

Owner: Sandstorm Development Inc.
Location: Part of Lots 12 and 13, Concession 7
File No.: D09-16-01, D12-16-14 and D14-16-12

The purpose of the proposed Official Plan amendment is to redesignate a portion of the "Service Commercial" lands to "Medium Density Residential", "Institutional/High Density" and "High Density Residential" to permit a retirement home, a mix of single detached, semi-detached, townhouses and apartments. The proposed red-line revisions to the approved draft plan of subdivision would reflect the proposed uses. The proposed Zoning By-law amendment would implement standards for the proposed development concept.

A key map showing the location of the lands is attached.

Additional information regarding the proposal is available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Office of Community Planning located at 305 Barrie Street, Unit 2, Bradford.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public of the nature of the proposal, invite public input, and answer regarding the applications.

Any person may attend the public meeting to make written or verbal representation in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan amendment, the revisions to Draft Approved Plan of Subdivision S-06-04 and Zoning By-law amendment. Written submissions regarding the proposal can be made to Ryan Windle, Manager of Community Planning, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Office of Community Planning, 305 Barrie Street, Unit 2, P.O. Box 419, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A9, facsimile 905-778-2070 or email at rwindle@townofbwg.com.

If you wish to be notified of Council's decision regarding the Official Plan amendment, the revisions to Draft Approved Plan of Subdivision S-06-04 and the Zoning By-law amendment, you must submit a written request to Ryan Windle at the address shown in the paragraph above.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury before the proposed Official Plan amendment is adopted, the revisions to the Draft Plan of Subdivision are approved or the proposed Zoning By-law amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury before the proposed Official Plan amendment is adopted, the revisions to the Draft Approved Plan of Subdivision S-06-04 are approved or the proposed Zoning By-law amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to Ryan Windle, Office of Community Planning, telephone 905-778-2055, ext. 1401, facsimile 905-778-2070 or email at rwindle@townofbwg.com.

Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury this 22nd day of December, 2016.

Rebecca Murphy, Clerk



Police Briefs

Vulnerable person registry

South Simcoe Police have been called to assist in locating several vulnerable individuals in recent days. Due to extreme weather conditions, it is vital to locate any missing vulnerable person before

tragedy strikes. The South Simcoe Police offer a vulnerable person registry for anyone – old or young – who may be vulnerable due to cognitive difficulties. Family members provide a description, photo, contact

information and other useful data that can assist police in locating the individuals if they become disoriented or lost. To place a person on the registry, attend the police station during business hours.

Suspected drivers nabbed

On Dec. 17 around 4 p.m., South Simcoe Police stopped a vehicle on Holland Street West after an automatic licence plate reader alerted an officer to a potential suspended driver. The suspension was confirmed by the Ministry of Transportation, and a 46-year-old Bradford woman was charged with driving while under suspension. On Dec. 18, around 4:30 p.m., a vehicle was stopped on Holland Street East – and the driver, a 57-year-old Bradford man, admitted his licence had been suspended. He faces charges of driving under suspension and failing to surrender insurance; his vehicle was impounded for seven days, and he has a court date in February. If convicted of driving under suspension, you could face a fine of \$1,000 to \$5,000 for a first offence and \$2,000 to \$5,000 for subsequent offences, and/or up to six months in jail.

Impaired drivers

Bradford – A 53-year-old Bradford man was pulled over by a RIDE officer on Mary Street around 2 a.m. on Sunday. The officer detected the odour of alcohol on the man's breath and attempted an arrest. The driver refused to co-operate, kicking the officer in the leg. Eventually subdued, the driver was returned to South Division for breath tests and charged with impaired driving and assault with intent to resist arrest. The man's licence was suspended for 90 days, his vehicle impounded, and he has a date with a judge. RIDE checks carried out on Dec. 17 to 18 in Bradford resulted in additional arrests. A RIDE program on Morris Road around 7-45 p.m. on Saturday stopped a

51-year-old Bradford man, who registered a "warn" on a roadside screening device and received a three-day licence suspension; his vehicle was towed. A check of Line 5 near 10 Sideroad in BWG stopped a GMC Sierra pick-up truck at 9:45 p.m. An officer detected the odour of alcohol on the driver's breath, and the 23-year-old Waseja Beach man failed a roadside screening test. The driver was arrested for further testing, and eventually charged with over 80. Around 11:45 p.m. on Saturday, a RIDE program on Luxury Avenue stopped a GMC Savanna van. The officer determined the driver was impaired; subsequent testing at the police station resulted in charges of impaired driving/over 80 for a 34-year-old Bradford man.

Three weeks into the Festive RIDE program, South Simcoe Police have stopped 2,554 vehicles, laid 11 drinking-and-driving-related charges, issued 11 warnings suspensions and charged four people with drug-related offences.

Shots fired

Newmarket – York Regional Police are asking for the public's assistance in identifying a suspect after shots were fired into windows of a residence in Newmarket at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 18. Police were called to Wesley Street for the sound of gunshots and located a residence where bullets had gone through several windows. The occupants of the home were not injured. Two men were seen running from the area toward a dark-coloured sedan. They were described as male, 5'7" to 5'10" tall, wearing dark-coloured clothing. Anyone in the area at the time of

the incident who has not already spoken to police, or anyone with a residential video surveillance system, is asked to contact #1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 866-878-5423, ext. 7141, or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477.

Impaired collision

Innisfil – Around 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 18, South Simcoe Police were called to a single-vehicle collision on 20 Sideroad, south of Mapleview Drive, where the driver of an Infiniti lost control and the car entered the ditch. Officers spoke with the female driver and detected an odour of alcohol. The 59-year-old Gilford woman was arrested and taken to North Division for breath testing and subsequently charged with impaired driving. Her licence was suspended and she has a court date of Feb. 9.

Board announces chief's retirement

Innisfil – At the police services board meeting on Dec. 12, South Simcoe Police Chief Rick Beazley announced his intention to retire, effective April 17, 2017, after 42 years of service in policing.

Beazley began his career with the Winnipeg police as a constable in November 1974. In 2000, he was appointed deputy chief of the Strathroy-Caradoc Police Service, becoming chief in 2009.

He joined South Simcoe Police as chief in 2012, at a time when policing in Bradford West Gwillimbury and Innisfil was the focus of a costing exercise. Beazley undertook the difficult assignment of finding cost efficiencies, improving the reputation of the service and ensuring it would be financially sustainable moving forward.

"We thank Chief Beazley for his years with South Simcoe," said police services board chair Rod Hicks. "He will be missed, and leaves behind a legacy of a service that we can be proud and (that) is poised for the future."

"I am very proud of my profession," Beazley said. "Policing has evolved from the 'cop on the beat' with a call box, a portable radio and their wits as a guide, to today's highly trained officers, who are supported by modern technology and contemporary strategies that make communities safer."

"But I am most proud of the work of the members of the South Simcoe Police Service. These men and women who have been my colleagues for almost five years have worked



South Simcoe Police Chief Rick Beazley, at the BWG Innisfil Police Services Board at which he announced his retirement plans on Dec. 12.

hard to exemplify our motto, 'Protect with Courage, Serve with Compassion.'

Beazley will continue to serve in the role of chief and implement the service's busi-

ness plan and vision until his retirement on April 17. The board anticipates making an announcement regarding the chief's replacement in the near future.

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Christmas Waste Collection

WASTE COLLECTIONS

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WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES HOURS

All County waste facilities will be closed at noon:
Saturday, December 24, 2016

All County waste facilities will be closed all day:
Monday, December 26, 2016
Tuesday, December 27, 2016

Does not apply to residents of Barrie and Orillia.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
 County of Simcoe Customer Service
 1-800-263-3199 / simcoe.ca

Learning English and holiday crafts

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

It's been almost one year since the Al Shitweh family left life in a refugee camp and came to Bradford – sponsored by BRIDG, the Bradford Refugee Inter-Denominational Group.

The family of 11 had fled their native city near Homs, Syria, victims of the vicious civil war that continues to rage, and were among the 25,000 refugees welcomed to Canada between November 2015 and February 2016.

Parents Ali and Manjiye have been learning English and settling into their new life – Manjiye caring for her 10th child, who was born after the family arrived in Canada. The other children attend school – Sir William Osler Public School for those in the elementary grades, Bradford District High School for the oldest – and after-school English-as-a-second-language (ESL) classes.



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Ghezian turned out five decorated gingerbread houses in Bond Head on Dec. 14.

This month, ESL tutor Lynda Usher and her volunteers introduced the children to some Canadian holiday traditions. They've made gingerbread men to take home, and on Dec. 14, gingerbread houses out

of graham crackers and icing, all while practising their English – talking of "snow," "winter," "houses" and "icing" – groaning when a decorated house fell apart, and laughing as they enjoyed the fun.

Brief

Holiday fun at the museum

Looking for something to do with the kids during the winter holidays? Check out the Simcoe County Museum, 1151 Hwy. 26 in Midhurst, north of Barrie. The museum

is closed Dec. 25 and 26 and Jan. 1, but otherwise offers activities and crafts Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Jan. 8 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. No

registration is required and all activities are free with general admission. For more information, see museum.simcoe.ca or call 705-728-3721.

A history of gingerbread

Gingerbread has a long and illustrious history. One source dates the earliest known recipe for gingerbread to ancient Greece, in 2,400 BC.

The European version of gingerbread dates to at least the 11th century. All during the Medieval period and the Renaissance, there were gingerbread fairs, where "fairings" – gingerbread cookies in various shapes – were sold, flowers in spring, birds in the fall, often as love tokens. Icing was added, as well as gold leaf, gilding the ginger-

bread.

In France in 1571, there was a separate bakers' guild for those who made and sold ginger baking in the shape of pigs, at fairs. In Nuremberg, master bakers were famous for their fancy hearts, angels, wreaths and festive shapes for the Christmas market, frosted with gold.

The first gingerbread houses were made in Germany during the 16th century, but the popularity grew after the Brothers Grimm published their fairy tale, Han-

sel and Gretel, in 1812. German settlers brought the idea of the "Lebkuchenhaeuser" to North America.

One of the earliest recipes for gingerbread combines ground almonds, stale bread crumbs, rosewater, sugar and ginger. Today's recipes often call for molasses, cloves, nutmeg, cardamom, anise and honey, in addition to ginger.

"And I had but one penny in the world, thou shouldst have it to buy gingerbread." – William Shakespeare, in *Love's Labour's Lost*

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7pm - Treatment Demo

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Antero, Carlos & Cristina Silva

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Natalya Konrad
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**Roddie Saunders
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12 Days of Giving at Earl Rowe school

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

"On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me - 48 tubes of toothpaste." The leadership team at Honourable Earl Rowe Public School in rural Bradford West Gwillimbury came up with a new twist on the old Christmas carol - a unique way to collect toiletries, gifts and non-perishable food for both My Sister's Place Shelter in Alliston and the local Helping Hand Food Bank.

They started by brainstorming. "We just listed things that we thought people would need," said Kaitlyn - toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and shampoo, socks, mitts, tinned fruit - adding a different item for each of the 12 days.

"Everything that people need in general," she said. "We're on the 10th day now. It's census."

"We're doing dog food tomorrow," said her friend, Lohela.

The students collected the donations every day, sorting and packing the items and setting the boxes under the tree in the foyer.



MIRIAM KING, BRADFORD TIMES

Leadership team members and teacher Jacquie Philp are pictured at Honourable Earl Rowe Public School in Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Teacher Jacquie Philp praised the leadership team for its dedication and enthusiasm. "These guys have been giving up recesses, nutrition breaks, coming in after school" - not only working on the 12 Days of Christmas drive, but also running a candy cane sale, raising money for PLAN International Canada, which assists children in poor and developing countries - and a

movie night to raise funds for a First Nations charity that provides clean-water training.

"We've been a bit busy," Philp said. "They organize dances, they do the spirit days at the school, they're lunch helpers. They do all these things."

The small school has a student body of approximately 184, yet close to 45 students are part of the leadership

team.

Why? "It makes me feel happy because we're giving to people that don't have much," said Kaitlyn.

"On the fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me 122 pairs of socks, 17 hats, 10 pairs of mitts, six toothbrushes and four tubes of toothpaste." By the end of the 12 days, the school had collected 1,085 items to help those in need.

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Frank Henriques



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year Everyone!



From Your
Ward 1 Councillor
Raj Sandhu & Family

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Celebrating Christmas



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Not only does Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery offer a "wonderland" of Christmas decor, but on Dec. 30, the store also welcomed a special visitor. Father Christmas arrived for photos with Santa Claus.

Briefs

Family First Night celebrations

First Night in BWG

Bradford West Gwillimbury hosts its fifth annual First Night Celebration, presented by Tim Hortons, Dec. 31 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the BWG Leisure Centre. There will be free leisure swimming and skating, inflatable obstacle courses and games in the gym, stage shows, strolling entertainers, balloons, live music, a photo booth and more. The indoor activities end at 8:30 p.m., followed by a mini-fireworks show at 9 p.m. In between, David Cavan Fraser and Special K entertain in Sunshine Square with their family-friendly sing-along. For information, see events@townofbwg.com.

Family New Year's Eve

Family New Year's Eve at the Innisfil Recreation Complex, hosted by the non-profit Innisfil Community Events Corporation, includes a free skate, free swim, hot dogs and refreshments, draws and prizes from 5 to

7 p.m. on Dec. 31, followed by fireworks in the south parking lot.

Non Year's Eve

The Innisfil ideal LAB and Library's Non Year's Eve – a family party celebrating the end of 2016 and the start of 2017, with stories, songs, crafts and a countdown at noon – will take place at the Cookstown library and at the Lakeshore branch, 967 Innisfil Beach Rd., on Dec. 31 from 11 a.m. to noon. Pre-register at any Innisfil library.

Barrie's Downtown Countdown

From 6 p.m. to midnight on Dec. 31, at Barrie City Hall, enjoy skating on the Circle at City Hall, horse-drawn wagon rides, Snow Valley mini-tube slide, street performers, Clarabella the Clown, a hockey shootout, food vendors and more. Live music starts with a family show, and a performance by Splash 'N Boots, followed by fireworks for tots. Entertainment continues

with Cardinal Street, and Sloan. A second fireworks display takes place at midnight to ring in the new year. Barrie Transit will be free from 5 p.m. until 3 a.m.

Christmas Bird Count for Kids

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's annual Christmas Bird Count for Kids takes place at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation, 8195 Line 8 in Essa Township, on Jan. 7 from 9 a.m. to noon. The family-friendly event begins with a mini-workshop on bird identification. Birding experts with the Brereton Field Naturalists will guide families on a bird-count hike through the forest at Tiffin. The data collected will be submitted to Bird Studies Canada and included in the national database. To register, see nvca.on.ca and click on Events and Education. Registration is \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door, and includes parking and hot chocolate. No charge for kids

younger than three.

BWG Mayor's Levee

Celebrate the new year with Bradford West Gwillimbury's mayor and council, and kick off a year-long celebration of Canada's 150th. The second annual Mayor's New Year's Levee will take place on Jan. 8 at the BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave. in Bradford, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The event starts with free leisure skating from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., and includes musical entertainment by local artists, refreshments, and balloons. The formal presentation takes place at 2:30 p.m. Residents are invited to this free event.

"Last year's levee was a tremendous success, bringing together residents and visitors to celebrate the new year and the 25th anniversary of the amalgamation of BWG," said Mayor Rob Keller. "We decided it was a tradition well worth continuing."

Join the Christmas bird count

The Christmas Bird Count returns – a one-day bird census conducted by volunteers, between Dec. 14 and Jan. 5. For more information, visit Bird Studies Canada, at bsc-eoc.org/volunteer/cbc or Ontario Nature, ontariounature.org. The bird counts provide information that helps in monitoring the health of local bird populations, migration patterns, and the impact of climate change.

Last year, 3,427 people participated in 120 Christmas bird counts in Ontario alone – identifying nearly 1.6 million

individual birds, belonging to 187 species. Among the biggest numbers: Canada goose (291,011), American crow (252,821) and European starling (132,769).

Unusual sightings included a vermilion flycatcher at Wallacebird, a black-throated grey warbler in Pembroke and an American white pelican, way off course, in Belleville.

There will be a Christmas bird count in Bradford West Gwillimbury on Dec. 30. For more information or to participate, email bwgcbc@gmail.com.







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Recognizing the Hodgson family



After incorrectly referring to the forest as the "Hudson Tract" and "Hodson Tract" for years, the County of Simcoe has corrected the signage at its forest on the 11th and 12th Lines of Bradford West Gwillimbury. The land was originally purchased by Matthew and Alice Hodgson. According to the book Governor Simcoe Slept Here: The Legacy of West Gwillimbury, the Hodgsons moved to West Gwillimbury in 1865, purchasing 100 acres on Line 12, then adding the land at the north half of Lot 7, Concession 11, in 1874, and the south half of Lot 7, Concession 11 in 1884. The couple had six children: their three sons, Thomas, Samuel (George) and Watson, took over the various farms when Matthew and Alice retired and went to live in Cookstown.

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Heritage Committee has turned down a request from the owner to remove the building at 79 Holland St. E. from the town's Heritage Registry.

A report to council noted the duplex was constructed in the 1890s and the exterior cladding has been modified over the years. An original inventory in 2002 identified the building as neoclassical in style, with pressed-

block construction, but the committee confirmed the exterior is cement, applied to simulate brick. The cladding is not solid and is showing signs of spalling and disintegration, but the report concluded the duplex is still "part of the streetscape of the historic downtown of Bradford" and should stay on the registry.

Coun. Gary Baynes disagreed. "The house is old, and that's about it," he said, adding he was not convinced of its heritage value. "I think it should be removed."

Coun. Peter Ferragine asked why the committee hadn't gone through the process of scoring the home to determine its heritage attributes, as has been done in other cases. "Where's the consistency?"

But Mayor Rob Keffler pointed out scoring, a time-consuming process, has been done for homes being considered for demolition or redevelopment.

Coun. Ron Orr agreed, noting the committee has decided that, unless there is a gross error in the house number or the age of a build-

ing, it would no longer remove buildings from the registry.

"The building is part of the heritage 'streetscape,'" Orr said, pointing out listing on the town's Heritage Registry "doesn't restrict anyone from doing anything" or making changes to the facade.

With no restrictions on the homeowner, other than a 60-day delay in seeking a demolition permit, "there's no reason to delist," agreed Keffler.

In a close vote, council decided to keep the building on the registry.

Canada's 150 calendar



The Bond Head Women's Institute (WI) has taken a break from its series of calendars documenting the disappearing historic barns of Bradford West Gwillimbury, and for 2017 came up with a unique tribute to Canada just in time for the 150th anniversary of the country. The WI held a contest, asking for submissions of key events and people who have shaped Canada. The result is a colourful, delightful and at times surprising calendar that makes a great gift or stocking stuffer and a keepsake for the sesquicentennial. Calendars cost \$20 each and are available at The Bradford Print Shoppe on Artesian Industrial Parkway or from any WI member, or call Mikki at 905-775-4011, Lella at 905-775-6618 or Jan at 705-456-1870.



Restored to elegance. The former "Quaint House" at the eastern edge of Bond Head in August 2016.

BWG Heritage Matters

BWG HERITAGE COMMITTEE

How does the town's Heritage Committee assess whether a property should be listed, designated, or permission given to demolish?

A heritage assessment, involving a rating system, is used to evaluate the physical, stylistic, cultural and historical value of a property. The evaluation of heritage resources in BWG was created by the former Heritage Committee, and is now being updated. The document, which adheres to the architectural and contextual values of the Ontario Heritage Act, is a tool that allows the committee to score the attributes – age, cultural contribution,

historical, data, architecture, context, rarity and craftsmanship – and decide if a building is classified as Group 1, 2 or 3. Group 3 has moderate importance and is only documented if demolition is planned. Group 2 identifies heritage significance that supports preservation. Group 1 identifies buildings of major importance to the heritage of the community.

One "landmark" building listed on the town's Heritage Registry is a brick home at the east entrance to the hamlet of Bond Head. The land was originally owned by Michael Bruzel, one of the first pioneers in the area, who built a single-story Regency wooden cottage, circa 1855. The 23-acre farm was pur-

chased in 1869 by James Smith, who added a second storey to the home, and the patterned brickwork – one of the best examples of Victorian patterned brickwork in the hamlet.

The Greek neo-classical entrance with its pilaster refined mouldings and Maltese cross door, and the three-bay front give the home an elegant appearance. The bottom windows appear to have the original wooden sills with brick mouldings, although they are currently covered with aluminum flashing.

The Smith family was associated with the hamlet's growth from the 1870s into the 20th century. More recently, the home was owned by Angela and Ralph Kimhoun, who operated the Quaint House restaurant, then sold to Poco Cappello Ristorante – all the while maintaining the heritage features and remaining part of the historic streetscape on County Road 88.

The building sat vacant for several years before it was purchased. The current owner demolished a structure at the side and rear of the building that was deemed unsafe, but has maintained the home's special features and "spruced up" the exterior, with plans to create a commercial enterprise within the heritage framework. He is to be commended. It is always positive when the owner of a building on the registry recognizes the value and beauty of heritage.

Still on the registry



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Sports Briefs

Rattlers in GMHL all-star game

Sean Werth, general manager of the Bradford Rattlers Jr. A team, has confirmed two of his players have been selected to play in the Greater Metro Hockey League (GMHL) all-star game – forwards Segan Timofeyev and Rasmus Brunnberg. Timofeyev,

team captain, has amassed 88 points, including 31 goals, so far this season. He won a GMHL championship last season with the Tottenham Steam and was the leading scorer and most valuable player in the playoffs. Brunnberg, now in his third

season with the Rattlers, leads the loop with 47 goals in 30 games, including 17 markers scored on the power play. He is the Rattlers' assistant captain. The all-star game will be awarded to Tillsonburg and will take place Jan. 30.

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Atoms' Christmas giving

Bradford's atom A rep Bulldogs participated in their second annual Give a Gift for Christmas toy drive.

The team, led by coaches Mike McGuigan, assistant coach Greg Enwright, Derek Beaudoin and manager Allison Domingues, spent the day shopping at Walmart, buying gifts for kids in need in Simcoe County.

Then the players headed to Don Cherry's Sports Grill in Bradford to hand over the gifts to South Simcoe Police Const. Rob Enwright for the South Simcoe Police toy drive, and to enjoy a Christmas party. BWGMHA atom A thanks Switzer-Carty for the donation.



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The atom A rep Bulldogs hockey team presents toys to South Simcoe Police Const. Rob Enwright, to help kids in need, at Don Cherry's Sports Grill in Bradford on Dec. 17.

of a school bus to carry the players to and from Walmart, bus driver Tom Ehlers for driving them safely to their destination, and Eric Fex of Don Cherry's, who donated a

buffet lunch for the team. As a thank-you, the team presented Fex with a signed jersey and team photo to be added to the sports memorabilia at the restaurant.

Comedy fundraiser for Josh Amero Fund

MILAN KINO
Bradford Times

Greg Enwright is steeped in hockey.

He played minor hockey as a kid, is currently the assistant coach for the Bradford West Gwillimbury Minor Hockey Association's atom A rep Bulldogs, and he and co-producer Jeff Tseng run Sin Bin Comedy – Sin Bin being slang for the penalty box.

Sin Bin Comedy hosts comedy nights at Don Cherry's Sports Grill in Bradford once a month, in the Coach's Corner. The producers bring in different comedy acts from all over the province for "useful fun" (nothing too raunchy or X-rated, Enwright says), with a new line-up every month. The \$15 cover charge helps pay the comics and keeps the evenings going.

On Dec. 10, the price was raised to \$25 for a special comedy fundraiser for the Josh Amero Memorial Fund. The fund, established by the family of Amero, a former



MILAN KINO, BRADFORD TIMES

Sin Bin Comedy co-producer, assistant coach Greg Enwright (centre), presents a donation to Bradford West Gwillimbury Minor Hockey Association president Paul Dossey and bookkeeper Nancy Bateman at the Leisure Centre in Bradford on Dec. 18.

minor hockey player who lost his life in a collision at the age of 24, pays the hockey registration fees for kids facing financial hardship.

It's a cause near and dear to Enwright. "Someone sponsored me when I was a kid, and I never knew," he said. The fundraising comedy night was an opportunity to "give back."

The evening raised \$550 – an amount topped up to \$600 by Enwright and Tseng, and presented to Bradford West Gwillimbury Minor Hockey Association president Paul Dossey and bookkeeper Nancy Bateman on Dec. 18.

Sin Bin Comedy nights will return to Don Cherry's in the new year.

Taking the plunge for World Vision

There is no better way to celebrate Canada's 150th than by plunging into icy water on New Year's Day in the Courage Polar Bear Dip for World Vision.

That's the view of dip co-founders Todd Courage and Trent Courage, who expect more than 1,000 dippers to come out, wearing red and white or classic Canadian costumes, to the event at Coronation Park in Okvike on Lake Ontario. The dip will raise money for World Vision water projects in Rwanda, Ghana, Mali and Tanzania.

Training tips for first-time

dippers:

• **Chillax.** Don't overthink it; just do it. It's a chance to be superstar to family and friends and a champion for children at the same time. That's all you need to think about – as long as a real doctor gives you the thumbs up.

• **Choose your chill.** Are you the type to dive right in, or ease your way in? You need to answer that question in advance, not on dip day as you approach the frigid shoreline.

• **Practise your scream.** Sudden exposure to wintry water can lead to involuntary expletives. Remember this is a

family event. Practise appropriate screams: Oh, fudge! Sugar! Dam!

• **Warm your heart.** For many, it takes more courage to ask for donations than it takes to jump in the icy lake. Don't be shy. It's for a worthy cause.

• **Take baby penguin steps.** Polar preppers should slowly build their tolerance to Arctic conditions. Take colder and colder showers. Submerge your feet in a bucket of ice water. Prepare, and you'll turn dip day into a piece of ice cream cake.

Want to take the plunge? See polarbear.dip.ca.

Community Listings

SAT., DEC. 24

INNISFIL COMMUNITY CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER: On Christmas Eve, at 6 p.m., the Innisfil Community Church at 1571 Innisfil Beach Rd. welcomes all who are alone or lonely. Students away from home, seniors, families facing financial hardship, etc. will be a free turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Guests will receive a special Christmas gift to take home. Please RSVP to 705-436-1611.

INNISFIL COMMUNITY CHURCH CAROL SING: The community is invited to Innisfil Community Church, 1571 Innisfil Beach Rd., for an hour-long Christmas Eve caroling, starting at 8 p.m. Includes solo, instrumental musical numbers, a children's nativity scene and special candlelighting by the audience. Come early - all welcome!

WEDS., DEC. 28

MENORAH LIGHTING IN BRADFORD: Jewish Bradford is holding a public Menorah Lighting for Chanukah, on the west lawn of the B.W.G. Public Building at 7 p.m. - followed by a special program, with arts and crafts, food and refreshments in the Zima Room of the Bradford Library. Free. Mayor Rod Keffler will bring greetings.

FRI., DEC. 30

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT: Join the bird count in Bradford West Gwillimbury. wbgbc@gmail.com for information.

SAT., DEC. 31

BRADFORD FIRST NIGHT CELEBRATION: Come to the B.W.G. Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave. in Bradford, for Family First Night, 6-9 p.m. presented by Tim Hortons. There will be free skating and

swimming, inflatable obstacle courses and games in the gym, strolling entertainers, music, balloons, a photo booth and more. From 6 to 8:30 p.m. Then the action moves outside for a concert by David Gavran Fraser and Special K at Sunshine Square, followed by Fireworks.

FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE: Innisfil Community Events Corporation hosts a family New Year's Eve event at the Innisfil Recreation Complex, 5 to 7 p.m. - with free skating, free swimming, hot dogs, refreshments, draws and prizes, followed by Fireworks in the south parking lot.

NOON YEAR'S EVE: Innisfil Island 8 & 8 Library holds a family party to celebrate the end of 2016 and arrival of 2017, with stories, songs and crafts. And a countdown at noon. At the Cookstown branch and Lakeshore branch on Dec. 31, from 11 a.m. to noon. Please pre-register at any Innisfil library.

BARRIE'S DOWNTOWN COUNTDOWN: From 6 to midnight, at Barrie City Hall enjoy skating on the Circle, horse-drawn wagon rides, Snow Valley mini-tube slide, street performances, Carabella the Clown, food vendors and more. Live music includes Splash 'n Boots - followed by fireworks for the wee ones; entertainment continuing with Cardinal St. and Sloan. Second fireworks display at midnight. Barrie Transit will be free from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m.

DOWN EAST NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER AND DANCE: At the Bradford Legion, 115 Back St. Roast Beef Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Dance with The Cruisers at 8 p.m., Late Night Snack, \$65 per couple, \$80 per couple. Call Alice, 305-775-6245 or Dianne, 705-424-9378.

NEW YEAR'S GALA AT THE PCCB: Portuguese Cultural Centre Gala, with Banda Luiso, dinner that includes soup, salad, steak, chicken breast

and shrimp - plus a bottle of champagne per table, and midnight buffet. Tickets: \$85 adults, \$35 children 7-12. \$15 for tots, for members. (Non-members \$100 adults, \$45 children, \$20 tots). 905-252-1859, 905-775-3254 or 905-775-4938.

SUN., JAN. 1

BRADFORD LEGION PRESIDENT'S LEVEE: Drop in to the Bradford Legion Branch 521 at 115 Back St. in Bradford, from 1 to 3 p.m. Enjoy free refreshments, and learn more about the Legion.

LEVEE AT THE DANUBE CENTRE: The President and Executive of the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre welcome Seniors and the new year with free refreshments, at a New Year's Levee. All welcome. Find out more about the Centre.

SAT., JAN. 7

SIMCOE COUNTY BRANCH ONTARIO GENEOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETS: 2 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 79 Ferris Lane in Barrie. AGM and Show & Share meeting. Bring what you have learned in 2016 to share. For info see simcoeobg.com.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT FOR KIDS: At the Tiffin Centre for Conservation, 8195 - Line 8, Essa, 9 a.m. to noon. Mini workshop on Bird identification, followed by a Bird Count Hole through Tiffin. See www.nvca.on.ca to register. \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door, free for kids under 3. Includes parking and hot chocolate.

SUN., JAN. 8

BWG MAYOR'S LEVEE: At the BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave. 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Includes free leisure skating, musical entertainment by local artists, refreshments, balloons, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Formal presentation and launch of the Town's Canada 150 Celebrations start at 2:30 p.m. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS TREE BONFIRE: Dispose of your Christmas tree on Jan. 8, 5 to 8 p.m., at Innisfil Community Church, 1571 Innisfil Beach Road. The Church, Innisfil Fire & Rescue and Innisfil Rotary Club partner on this great community event. Trees can be dropped off at the church until Jan. 7. Hot chocolate will be available. For info, call 705-436-1611.

MEETINGS

COMMUNICATION GROUP FOR PEOPLE WITH APHASIA: A weekly communication group for people with Aphasia is held every Friday, 9-11 a.m., at the Harmonize for Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic, in the Sadon Health & Wellness Centre at Georgian College's Barrie Campus (Room M233). No cost. For information, contact Brittanica Mackichan, Community Disorders Assistant, at cmackichan@marchofchd.com, or the HASHL Clinic, 705-722-1561.

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STOVOLD, L. Eric - Peacefully passed away at home surrounded by his family on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 in his 88th year. Beloved husband and best friend of Verna for 65 years. Loving father of Christopher (Louise), Jean (Albert) Lemire, Jeffrey (Cathy), Amy (Tony) Raposo and Charlotte (Scott) Ferguson. Eric will be lovingly remembered by his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dear brother-in-law of Melba Trip. Friends called at SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME, Bradford for a memorial visitation. Memorial service was held at the funeral home on Monday, December 19, 2016 at 11 a.m. In Eric's memory, donations may be made to the Stomach Regional Cancer Centre at Southlake Regional Health Centre.

TALARICO, Matthew Richard - Passed away on Sunday, December 18, 2016. Matthew Talarico of Bradford at 31 years of age. Beloved son of Deborah and Michael Talarico. Loving brother of Lenny and Angela (Benny). Cherished grandson of Nino and Rosa Tornizza, Leonard (Gina) Talarico, and Rossana (late Fred) Sylvester. Matthew will also be lovingly remembered by Richard Scoboka, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Friends may call at SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME, 30 Simcoe Rd., Bradford for visitation on Thursday, December 22, 2016 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held at the Holy Martyrs of Japan Church, 167 Essex St. N., Bradford on Friday, December 23, 2016 at 11 a.m. Interment Holy Martyrs Cemetery, Bradford. In Matthew's memory, donations may be made to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada.



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Exploring the lighter side of the classics

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

"Something like a TED Talk." So how pianist Vladimir Soloviev described his recital and lecture at the Bradford Arts Centre, the reimagined Bradford United Church, on Dec. 18.

It was his second appearance at the venue, this time discussing "aesthetics ... What makes things prettier than others?"

Soloviev explored three approaches to "making things pretty" through the music of J.S. Bach, Franz Liszt's Spozializio, and Ludwig van Beethoven's Sonata No. 30 in E Major, Opus 109.

Starting with the detailed structure, cascading notes, trills and counterpoint of Bach's Partita No. 4 in D Major,

Soloviev said, "Bach went the extra mile to explain what is beautiful to him," writing in all the details many composers of the day left up to the individual musician – a different approach from Liszt's piece, inspired by a pilgrimage to Italy.

Liszt, who started his career as "the ultimate piano virtuoso," stripped his music of all flourishes for Spozializio, to keep it "simple, honest and true – that must have been his concept of beauty." Finally, Soloviev gave his audience Beethoven's "message of hope, gentleness, simplicity and kindness at a time of tumultuousness, pain." And that, he said, was the point of "pretty."

"There is so much to address through art. It is one of the most important missions art can have – to keep us hopeful. It gives us a place

to go when it's all too much." Like Monet's paintings of waterlilies, or Beethoven's Sonata, "it's like how bottled up and preserved."

Soloviev overcame a challenge during his performance on the church's 100-year-old upright piano: a broken pedal, in the middle of the Bach Partita. He continued to play, and during an extended intermission, the piano was repaired.

It won't happen again, said Rev. Jim Keenan, noting the Bradford Arts Centre will receive a donated baby grand piano before Christmas – supporting the purpose of the centre as "a place where we could provide quality and affordable space for artists and musicians."

It has been a slow evolution, Keenan said. "We're very much going step by step... to build this concept, this dream into a reality."

Soloviev shared his own dreams, on the road to becoming a concert pianist. "I started old – I was 14," he told the audience. "I grew up in Russia in a family of engineers and soldiers. For the first 14 years of my life, I lived math."

It was only after coming to Canada he took up piano. "I was the Russian kid who didn't speak English – I didn't have a social life, I heard. Instead, he studied music. 'I thought it would be fun.'"

Soloviev pursued undergraduate studies at the University of Western Ontario, winning the Pattison Piano Competition at the university twice in four years, and the University Concerto Competition, before going on to pursue a master's degree at the Eastman School of Music. A soloist and chamber musician, he has been performing his career in both Canada and the U.S.



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES
Pianist Vladimir Soloviev at the Bradford Arts Centre on Dec. 10.

"We all have a dream. Everybody who takes up piano has a dream," Soloviev said – whether simply to learn to play or to go beyond and pursue a career as a performance artist.

"You have to be absolutely sure, you have to be absolutely positive – is this some-

thing you want to do? Doubting has never helped anyone succeed. You just have to give 200%."

"And when things go well, it's 'awesome. It's great,' Soloviev said. It's the realization of a dream, and an opportunity to share beauty with the audience.

The Christmas story, through puppetry

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Twenty-five years ago, Brenda Dalton made her first "liturgical" puppet – a simple sewn figure, representing a character in the gospel.

"I thought I'd do just one, stitch it together," she said, for a children's program at Holy Family church in Fredrickton, N.B.

"I wanted to do this for the children while mass was going on so they could learn the gospel stories," Dalton said. She felt the kids would better understand if the gospel was presented through a puppet show – and found the kids were fascinated and enthralled by the shows.

Dalton went on to make more than 30 puppets over the next seven years – each representing a different figure in the gospel, each with

its own personality. Some, like the Magi and shepherds, are faceless. Others, like the Virgin Mary, have carefully drawn faces.

The talented singer also arranged music for her liturgical puppet shows that she has brought to numerous churches and schools.

On Dec. 18, Dalton presented the Christmas story at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church (Byzantine Rite) in Bond Head. With help from audience members of all ages, and with Father Conrad Dachuck as narrator, the story of Jesus's birth in a manger was told with simplicity, delighting the audience.

"Puppet shows are always good for kids," said Dachuck. "It's a folk art that was practiced in Europe for centuries and centuries. It engages the kids."

The event included a com-

munity luncheon, followed by the puppet show. A freewill offering was accepted.

Dalton never thought, 25 years after making her first puppets, they would still be in use. She received an imprimatur on her work from Bishop Jean-Louis Plouffe in Sudbury from the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie in 1995 – basically, permission to continue. Her ultimate goal is to introduce the "liturgical puppet" program as a teaching tool in Catholic schools across Canada, but to date, she has been held back by challenges that include lack of funding.

So far now, she is content to bring her puppets and her plays to new audiences in churches, church halls and schools, creating new connections with the stories of the gospel through the traditional art of puppetry.

Big windows, big winners

The Bradford Board of Trade has announced the winners of its annual Holiday Window Decorating Contest.

Businesses throughout Bradford decorated their windows for the holiday season and the public was invited to help vote for "people's choice." The board of trade also sent its own judges to assess the entries based on style and holiday cheer.

The judges chose Doggywood Styles Dog Grooming as best window. Second place went to Sweet B's Confectionery.

First place in people's choice went to Connect; second went to Genesis Gymnastics.

Both of the first-place winners received a cheque for \$300; second-place winners received \$75.

Kids' Christmas party at Portuguese Centre

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It's a tradition at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford: a kids' Christmas party with free food, crafts, games, music and a visit from Santa. This year, thanks to donations from the community, every child received an age-appropriate gift.

There was music by Treblemakers Music Academy, which provided DJ services; treats from Sweet B's Catering and Confectionery; Portugalia Bakery, Pizza Pizza and Pizzaville; and



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Santa's elves created the fondant cakes that made up the window display at Sweet B's Confectionery – a winner in the Bradford Board of Trade's Holiday Window contest.

Beth Martin, of Doggywood, was delighted with her win and thrilled the judges appreciated her decorating effort, which filled the front window with stuffed animals of every size, shape and colour.

The board of trade also



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Beth Martin, of Doggywood Styles Dog Grooming, with her trophy from the Bradford Board of Trade for a winning holiday window.

congratulated the winner of the draw for a \$100 gift card, Karen Mandryk, who took and submitted a selfie from her favourite window.

MIRIAM KING/
BRADFORD TIMES
The Magi, led by a star, find Baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph in a manger in a puppet show of the Nativity at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church in Bond Head on Dec. 18.



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